

I'm outraged to learn that the National Association of Broadcasters is trying to squelch competition by keeping XM satellite radio from broadcasting local traffic and weather. My commute from northern Virginia into Washington DC has only recently gotten a lot better because of XM's transmissions, not only the traffic and weather, but the wide variety of music available as well. I urge you to reject petition 04-160. Service providers should be free to meet consumer demand without governmental interference, which only distorts the free market's unparalleled ability to allocate resources fairly and transparently. The NAB ought to be ashamed of itself.

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